

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 are withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner yet again maintains the previous rejections of the claims. Specifically, claims 1 and 10 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Yoshinobu (JP 2002084724) (relying on EP 1482625 for translation). Claim 4 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yoshinobu in view of Kitazawa (JP 09065617). Finally, claim 7 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yoshinobu in view of Maestre (US Patent No. 5,300,884).

§102(a) Rejections (Yoshinobu) - Claims 1 and 10

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that Yoshinobu does not disclose or suggest at least, “wherein said rotary shaft is wholly magnetic flux interrupting means made of a non-magnetic material for interrupting leakage flux passing onto said rotary shaft as a result of excitation of a rotor coil wound on said rotor core,” as recited in amended claim 1. Applicants submit that Yoshinobu does not satisfy this particular claimed feature at least based on reasons similar to those set forth on pages 5-7 in the Amendment dated May 22, 2007.

Applicants submit that dependent claim 10 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 1.

§103(a) Rejections (Yoshinobu / Kitazawa) - Claim 4

Applicants submit that dependent claim 4 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 1, and that Kitazawa does not make up for the deficiencies of Yoshinobu.

§103(a) Rejections (Yoshinobu / Maestre) - Claim 7

Applicants submit that dependent claim 4 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 1, and that Maestre does not make up for the deficiencies of Yoshinobu.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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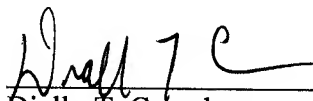
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